

(a) whether Government are aware that I T D C hotels including Janpath Hotel, New Delhi have to recover a huge amount from Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi.

(b) if so, the details thereof, hotel wise, and

(c) the efforts made by the Government

to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi owes about Rs 96 81 lakhs to ITDC's Delhi based hotels as on 29 2 1992

(b) The hotel wise break is as follows

Janpath Hotel	Rs 68 65	lakhs
Kanishka Hotel	Rs 1 92	lakhs
Ashok Hotel	Rs 0 90	lakhs
Samrat Hotel	Rs 1 47	lakhs
Ranjit Hotel	Rs 4 16	lakhs
Lodhi Hotel	Rs 19 71	lakhs

(c) ITDC as well as Union Government have taken up the matter at appropriate level with the State Government to recover the amount

Fall in Foreign Tourists during 1991

5283 SHRI K RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited India in 1990 and 1991, year wise,

(b) whether there was decline of tourists in 1991 as compared to 1990, and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) The number of foreign tourists who visited India in 1990 and 1991 were 17,07,158 and 16,77,508 respectively

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The decline in the tourist arrivals during 1991 was primarily due to Gulf War and its aftermath

Liberalisation of Value-Aided Services

5284 SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to liberalise value aided services in the national telecommunication networks, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Govt has decided to make these Value Added Telecom Services available progressively as per demand by Licensing private and public companies to provide and operate them under prescribed conditions

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New T.V. Serials

5285 SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ
SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether some new TV serials are stated to be released in the coming months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of episodes and new artistes to be introduced therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). A number of sponsored serials with varying number of episodes as in the statement annexed are lined up for telecast by Doordarshan. The actual dates of their telecast are dependent upon Doordarshan's overall programme requirements from time to time. The details of the new artistes appearing in these serials are not maintained by Doordarshan.

STATEMENT

S. No	Title
1	2
1.	Stories from Bible
2.	Wah Ri Duniya
3.	Kal Bhi Aaj Bhi
4.	Moscow State Circus and Ballet on Ice
5.	Animal Folk Tales
6.	Vidyapati
7.	Maa Ka Udhari
8.	All the Best
9.	Mohinder Amarnath Presents
10.	Potli Baba Ki

S. No	Title
1	2
11.	Panchatantra
12.	National Parliamentary Quiz
13.	Gadbad Gudde
14.	Tribal People of North East
15.	Uppanayas
16.	Avashesh
17.	Bahu Begam
18.	Kitne Aur Himalaya
19.	Rishte
20.	Sauda

Lankan T.V. to Enter India

5286 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Sri Lankan T. V. propose to make invasion of their programmes in Southern parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). As per the news item circulated by the UNI, dated March 1, 1992, a privately owned TV Station based in Sri Lanka is scheduled to start transmission from August, 1992. The news item gives an indication that it would be a terrestrial transmitter